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Examiner: Standley, S.H.

Entitled: **Promoter Variants of the Alpha-7 Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE
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Dated: November 10, 2008

By:


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Dear Examiner Standley:

Please enter this communication on the record in responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed October 31, 2008. The Examiner has indicated that “Claim 26, which contains amended material, is improperly identified as “Previously Presented”.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this inadvertent error and have corrected the status identifier of Claim 26 to read “Currently Amended”. The Applicants now submit a replacement “Amendment To The Claims” section to support the previous Office Action response.